

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's §102 rejection, in the interests of obtaining a speedy allowance, the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 3 has been cancelled herein.
2. Claims that previously depended from claim 3, namely claims 4, 8 and 12, have been amended to depend from claim 1 now.
3. Applicant has realized that his previous amendment of claim 14 to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 12 was a mistake. That amendment **should have made claim 14 depend from claim 13, not claim 1**. Applicant has corrected this by amending claim 14 to correctly depend from claim 13. Likewise, Applicant has realized that claims 15-17 were depending from claim 12, whereas they should have been depending from claim 13. It is Applicant's view that these changes will not require an additional search on the part of the Examiner.
4. All such changes add no new matter.
5. To wit, all pending claims should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner feels it would advance the application to allowance or final rejection, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

DATED this 28th day of December 2005.

Very respectfully,



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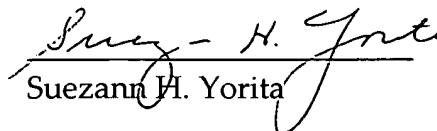
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